







78 SAMURAI
REMAIN.



SO
MANY...

THERE'S
SO MANY...

YOU
WERE
EATEN?



WAS
EATEN
BY THAT...

WAIT
KAPPA!

AS I WAS SO
PERSISTENT IN
CHASING THE
KAPPA...

HUNDRED
RIVER
FRAG.

AND
DIED.

I IMAGINE THE
PLATE ON ITS
HEAD DRIED
OUT.



TELL THE
WHOLE
STORY
THEN

WELL...

FL...

COULD YOU
EXPLAIN
THINGS A
LITTLE
SIMPLER...



SIS...

I...

WAIT
UP
KAD-
PA!

SIS.

ON THE DAY
I WENT OFF
CHASING THE
KAPPA...





GOT
YOU...



FINALLY...

GRRR.



AND IT
SLOWED
DOWN.



THE
HUNDRED
RIDER
FROG...



AT THAT
MOMENT...

SLURP.



I WAS
SUDDENLY
EATEN.



GULP.

ATE
ME.





KAPPA...



THEN
THE...



YET I HAD
INSTANTLY
DIED FROM
ALL MY
BONES
BEING
CRUSHED.



IT
WAS A
NICE
KAPPA.

CAME TO
RESCUE
ME.



SMACK.

SMACK.

SMACK.

SMACK.

STILL...



SMACK.

THE
KAPPA...



TREMBLE.





AROUND A
THOUSAND YEARS
AGO, IT WAS
AS COMMON FOR
VENGEFUL SPIRITS
TO APPEAR AS IT
IS FOR ONE'S
UNCLES TO.



ATTACK
HUMANS.

OVER
HALF OF
THESE
WOULD...



A
WOODEN
STATUE.



MAN MADE
KAPPA
GUARDIAN
SPIRIT.

IT NEEDED
A FORM FIT
FOR ALL TYPES
OF REGIONS,
BE IT RIVERS,
SWAMPS, OR
MARSHES.
THUS THE...



THE KAPPA
STATUE WAS
CARVED BY
A FAMED
CRAFTSMAN TO
OPPOSE THESE
MONSTERS.





FROM
THEN
ON...



AND IT
WAS
DONE.



IN THE
END THE
CRAFTSMAN
FURNISHED IT
WITH HIS LIFE.



NUMEROUS
SPIRITS.



IT
WENT
AND
ERADI-
CATED...

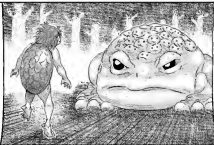


AROUND 500
YEARS AGO...



IT'S WHAT
YOU'D NOW
CALL A LOCAL
HERO.

AND THE
KAPPA
PROTEC-
TED THE
FOREST
FROM IT.



THE
HUNDRED
RIDER
FROG
APPEAR-
ED...

AND
BROUGHT
ME BACK...



BWOOSH.

THAT KAPPA
WAGERED ITS
LIFE...

CRACK.



...
AS A
KAPPA.





BUT EVEN
IF IT'S AS A
KAPPA...



I... DON'T GET
ANY OF THIS
WHATSO-
EVER...



OH.



AND WAS
BORN AS A
SECOND
GENERATION
KAPPA.



I
INHERITED
THE
KAPPA'S
THOUSAND
YEAR
MEMORIES.



YOU'RE
ALIVE!



I'M SO
HAPPY...



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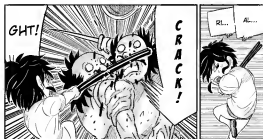
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WE'VE NOT
THE TIME
FOR AN
EMOTIONAL
SCENE!











I'LL
DIE.



KOKO.

SAKO.



MIKO'LL
WIN.



66
SAMURAI
REMAIN.



WE'VE NO
REASON TO
INTERFERE.



I'M
GONNA
DIE!